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STATE TREASURER ISSUES STATEMENT ON ESA PROGRAM AND PARENTS' LETTERS

Carson City, NV. Nevada State Treasurer Dan Schwartz issued the following statement on the Education Saving Account (ESA) injunction.

"We still have yet to receive a set date from the Nevada Supreme Court responding to the Attorney General's request for an expedited hearing in *Lopez v. Schwartz*. Both sides agreed to an expedited hearing and a calendar was supplied and agreed to by Plaintiffs. While we understand that the Court is very busy, the State's failure to fund Education Savings Accounts has left many Nevada parents in limbo.

"We are receiving letters from parents that have been sent to both our office and to Chief Justice James Hardesty concerned about the injunction and delay in implementing the ESA program. Thousands of Nevada parents are affected. Moreover, parents and schools have asked how to proceed for next year as well. As we have passed the 100 days in all Nevada counties, they want to know how to proceed with the future educational plans of their children."

To accommodate families during the injunction, the State Treasurer' Office is honoring the originally planned open enrollment period of February 1 – March 31. Applications can be found at <http://www.nevadatreasurer.gov/SchoolChoice/Home/> and can be mailed to: 101 N. Carson Street, Suite 4 Carson City, NV 89701. Parents must have obtained their 100 days in a public school immediately prior to the date of the submitted application. Applications received during the enrollment period will be date stamped, though will not be processed until the injunction is lifted.

"We strongly disagree with the reasoning and conclusion of District Court Judge Wilson's opinion. We will not abandon our children and hope that Chief Justice Hardesty and his colleagues will respond to the letters of those impacted if not to the Attorney General's request. These are Nevada parents whose children have been denied the education they feel they deserve and are suffering from other forms of social harm including bullying," continues Schwartz.

Samples of submitted letters from parents are attached. For more information, please contact Nicolette Johnston at njohnston@nevadatreasurer.gov or 775-684-5771.

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